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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 164
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Gary Rankin and the 1996 Riverdale High School football team on reaching the second round of the Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association 5-A state playoffs.

WHEREAS, the powerful 1996 Riverdale High School football team recently completed an outstanding season when they reached the second round of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5-A state playoffs; and

WHEREAS, during their memorable undefeated regular season, Riverdale beat Smyrna 46-13, Hendersonville 35-0, Jefferson County 35-14, archrival Oakland 35-14, Baylor 51-14, Mt. Juliet 20-6, Lebanon 61-10, traditional power Gallatin 39-10, Coffee County 50-7, and Warren County 36-7; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the state playoffs, the Warriors shut out Cookeville 42-0; and

WHEREAS, their overall season record was an excellent 11-1, an enviable winning percentage of .917; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach Gary Rankin, who was ably assisted by Assistant Coaches Greg Wyant, Steve Britton, Brad Cowan, Ron Crawford, David Watson, Rickey Field, and Lamar Davis, has inspired his team to greatness; and

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WHEREAS, the freshmen coaches were: Buddy Powers, Bentley Shofner, Clyde Gresham, and Roy Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were: Eric Locke, Class 5-A Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5-A "Mr. Football", an All-State, All-Midstate, and All-Region Most Valuable Player choice; Todd Harris, an All-State, All-Midstate, All-Region and All-Area selection; Johnta Martin, an All-Midstate, All-Region, and All-Area honoree; Reggie Smith, All-Region and All-Area; Jason Staples, All-Region and All-Area; Justin Tate, All-Region and All-Area; Emil Mitchell, All-Region and All-State; and All-Area players: J. R. Crockett, Trey Groves, William Henry, Jr., Jon Kelley, Michael Knox, Shavis Randall, Carlos Tigg, and Matt Willard; and

WHEREAS, the other members of this very talented team were: Cory Robinson, Jason Hill, Todd Johnson, Kirk Catron, Marques Martin, Delaney Solomon, Donny Ayers, Ron Smith, Vincent Watkins, Andrell Cummings, Dario Hodge, Craig Garrison, Jeremy L. Davis, Donte Bell, Chad Mackens, Keane McDonald, Marcus Limbaugh, Robert Wade, Josh Wilson, Rashad Watkins, Jason Cline, Steve Heath, Jeremy R. Davis, Darnell Gresham, Billy Arrasmith, Eric Hennessee, Labron Clark, Matt Sawyer, Michael Smallwood, Jerome Martin, Shawn Bowers, Brian Travis, Ryan Gjertson, Bill Massaquoi, Jerod Wade, Ted Cox, Scott Lowman, Harrison Mullins, Travis Ghee, Eric Greer, Rashawn Ray, Kolas Hughes, Josh Miller, Josh Stewart, Joe Moos, Michael Nobles, Nick Patterson, Brian Crockett, Jakarta Mack, Jermaine Jackson, John Simpkins, Phillip Sisombath, Kyle Jones, and Kenny Spence; and

WHEREAS, Riverdale was strongly supported by their fine principal, J. Hulon Watson; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working team doctors were Tom Johns and Michael Jordan and the expert team trainer was Carl Young; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding team on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Gary Rankin and the 1996 Riverdale
High School football team on an extremely successful season and wish them much continued
success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for
presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.